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## Upsetting weekend for Rebel tennis

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The 36th-ranked UNLV men's tennis team defeated two higher-ranked opponents en route to finishing fifth at the Howard E. Butt College Team Tournament in Corpus Christi, Texas last weekend.

On Saturday, the Rebels triumphed over 13th-ranked Harvard University, edging out the Crimson Tide 4-3, moving on to face Boise State University.

The Harvard victory marks the highest ranked opponent the Rebels have defeated in the history of the UNLV tennis program.

"It was the best win, kind of put the team on the map," men's head coach Larry Easley said.

After the surprising upset against Harvard, the Rebels continued their fine effort and upset No. 28 Boise State, 4-3.

Both of the impressive victories saw the Rebels win the doubles point to earn the victory.

Against Boise State, fourth-ranked singles player Roger Pettersson won his number one match in straight sets 6-2, 6-2 over Ernesto Biaz.

Luke Smith bounced back after losing the first set of his number two singles match, to win 0-6, 6-2, 6-4.

Freshmen Asaf Tishler won the third singles point for the Rebels, defeating David Dalgaard 3-6, 6-3, 6-3.

UNLV took two of the three doubles matches to earn the win, giving the team the remainder point and a one-point victory margin.

They finished 3-1 for the tournament, with their only loss coming to the eventual tournament champion, 17th-ranked South Alabama.

In the first round of play, they opened with a 4-2 victory over Oklahoma State.

Pettersson won his number one singles match in straight sets, 6-4, 6-0, while Smith, Blenkiron, and Tishler were also victorious.

The Rebels then fell to tournament champion Southern Alabama, 4-1. Only Rebel freshman Tishler came away with a victory as Southern Alabama was able to clinch the win, therefore cancelling the battle between Pettersson and seventh-ranked Jan Jermanson.

UNLV will try to improve on their 7-3 overall record when they host Nevada, Reno on Friday at their home courts in the Frank and Vicki Fertitta Tennis Complex.

## Rebel golf shaves off 11 strokes to win

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UNLV golf coach Dwaine Knight made a deal with his squad Saturday.

After seeing his team down by 11 strokes at the end of the second day of the Golf Digest Collegiate Invitational, Knight said if the Rebels won the tournament he would shave his head.

"It was a little dare to them," said the clean-shaven head coach.

The UNLV golf team came back from an 11-shot deficit on the final day of competition to capture the Golf Digest Collegiate Invitational over Oklahoma State University and 13 other ranked teams.

At the 7,024-yard TPC Woodlands course in Houston, the cardiac kids of UNLV shot as a team a six-under par, 282, on the final

day of play to move past defending national champions Oklahoma State.

This victory gave the third-ranked Rebels their third tournament title for the 1995-96 golf season.

"We are pretty fortunate, we played terrific on the final day," said Knight. "This tournament is the masters of college golf, a select field on a championship golf course."

The Rebels seem to be making a habit of starting off slow, and then finishing strong on the final day of competition.

This marked the second time this season that they came from more than 10 shots down on the final day to capture the victory. The first time was in November at the last tournament of the fall season, when the Rebels triumphed over Texas Christian University at the IGT Rebel Classic.

In this tournament, the Rebels, behind the strong golfing of Rebel freshman Ted Oh,

erased a 14-point deficit to shock TCU and send the Rebel faithful into basketball-style cheer.

This time the Swingin' Rebs climbed on the back of senior and tournament medalist Chad Campbell to sneak their way up the leaderboard.

Campbell shot a 3-under par 69 on the final day to earn medalist honors for the competition, and led the Rebels to the title. Campbell shot a 213 to defeat Robby Skinner of the University of Texas for the tournament individual title.

Campbell was the third Rebel to win a tournament this year, and this was his first for his college career.

"It really helps us to have more than one player capable of winning a tournament," Knight said.

The Rebels started off slow, firing a eight-over par 300 on the first day, landing them in seventh place on the leaderboard:

The second day saw the Rebels gain one stroke on the leader, leaving them 11 strokes off the front runners, and setting the stage for the final day heroics.

Sophomore Bill Lunde had his best outing as a Rebel shooting a 221 for 10th place in the tournament, and second place on the Rebel roster.

Chris Riley shot a 222, good enough for 12th place, and freshmen Charley Hoffman concluded with a 223 in 18th place.

The bald Coach Knight and the UNLV golf team will be back on the course next weekend at the Morris Williams Intercollegiate in Austin, Texas.

"It doesn't get any easier for us, we will be facing the top five or six teams in the country," an enthusiastic Knight said.

The Rebels go into Austin as defending champions, having won the title last season.

## Errors prove costly against No. 8 Arizona State

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Defensive miscues can kill you.

The 24th-ranked Hustlin' Rebels found that out Tuesday when two costly errors helped the eighth-ranked Arizona State Sun Devils beat the Rebels 10-4.

With two outs and the bases full of Sun Devils, Mike Torti slapped a bouncer to Rebel first baseman Brian Anthony. Anthony misplayed the ball and it bounced into right field, allowing two runs to score and ASU to take a 4-2 lead.

In the ninth inning the Rebels trailed 6-3 when closer Rob Luce came in and hit Torti, and Cody McKay singled to advance Torti to third.

ASU second baseman Chip Gosewisch hit a swinging bunt that Luce fielded and tried to get Torti at the plate, but his throw got away and Torti scored. Designated hitter Damien Kolb followed with a three-run blast that gave the Devils a commanding 10-3 lead.

"We made too many stupid mistakes," head coach Fred Dallimore said. "We played a ball in center into a



Stacy Kleiner, the Rebels catcher, has been one of the big reasons for UNLV's success this season.

base hit and we don't make a play at first. You just can't beat a decent ball club and make those kind of mistakes."

After ASU center fielder Mikel Moreno led off the game with a solo home run, the Rebels took a 2-1 lead in the bottom of the inning when third baseman Ryan Hankins blasted a two run homer, his eighth of the season.

The Rebels manufactured a run in the sixth on an RBI ground out by Scott Vincent

and freshman Chris Adolph smacked his first home run of the year in the ninth for UNLV's only other runs.

Starter Chad Barry picked up the loss for the Rebels, dropping his record to 3-1. Barry pitched 6 1/3 innings and gave up six runs, four earned on six hits, struck out five and walked four.

ASU freshman Ron Marietta improved to 4-0 for the season throwing 5 2/3 innings and Ryan Bradley earned his sec-

ond save by pitching the final 3 1/3 innings.

On Monday, the Rebels scored 18 runs in the third and fourth innings, completing a three-game sweep of Southern Illinois 27-10 and tying a 10-year-old school record for most hits in a game with 28. The record was set by the 1986 Rebel squad, led by San Francisco Giants third baseman Matt Williams.

Ryan Hankins, who was 3-for-3 with six RBIs, blasted a three-run homer to straight-away center field in the third inning as the Rebels scored 11 runs.

Scott Vincent, 3-for-7 with six RBIs, capped off a seven-run fourth inning by launching a grand slam also to center field.

Freshman Kevin Eberwein set a UNLV record with four doubles and finished the game 4-for-5 with four RBIs. Stacy Kleiner and Ted Wilkes both had four hits. Kleiner hit three doubles and scored five times and drove in two while Wilkes scored four times and had three RBIs. Brian Anthony smacked a triple and scored four runs.

Mike Bauder improved to 3-2 following a seven-run performance in seven innings of work.

## March 16th, "Iron" Mike's day of reckoning

It will be test time for Mike Tyson on March 16, and the consensus is that he will pass.

But will it be as easy as his previous fights?

Tyson, at best, has looked erratic since his reappearance in the boxing ring. He was still unproven after "pounding" a hapless Peter McNeeley (use the word "pounding" loosely) in 89 seconds, and taking three rounds to beat a blubbery Buster Mathis Jr.

Tell you what, the jury is still out. Tyson has proven nothing to the boxing pub-

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lic. If anything, those first two fights on his comeback tour have only produced more questions and criticisms. But still the question remains, or at least begs to be asked: is Tyson ready for Bruno? The answer...yes!

These two guys have already met once, back in 1989 with Tyson scoring a fifth round knockout over Bruno (who currently has 40 wins with 38 knockouts). Tyson would say after the fight, it was the hardest he had ever been hit, referring to a punch Bruno threw which staggered Tyson.

Bruno has a couple of things going for him that could possibly give Tyson trouble Saturday night. First, Bruno is a tall fighter, standing over six foot and Tyson has always had trouble with tall fighters. They have been able to put Tyson off with their reach, causing Tyson to find other ways to get inside for his punishing body attacks.

One thing that could work in Bruno's favor would be to keep this fight going past the seventh round. Tyson grows weary, fatigued and although he may be in great shape, he has never been a great long-distance fighter.

We should know, by probably the third round, whether or not Tyson is the Tyson of old. He will move around the ring, stalking his opponent and if he looks to be biding his time, then Bruno better watch out. A torturous body attack, which has become somewhat of a Tyson staple in his career, with the addition of a couple of well timed uppercuts will chop down Bruno.

Tyson will win this one, however, and reclaim the WBC belt. The Bench predicts Tyson in seven.

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